

FRANCE | CMA CGM AND INFOSYS AGREE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

CMA CGM has signed a strategic partnership with technology and services consultant Infosys, with the aim of simplifying its IT systems and improving customer service. As part of the agreement, Infosys will open a development and innovation centre in Marseilles and will also take over CMA CGM's IT development centre in Dubai.

The French carrier's CEO, Rodolphe Saadé,

said: "By setting up its centre of innovation in Marseille, CMA CGM, as well as the region, will benefit from Infosys's expertise and its proximity."

Infosys will provide CMA CGM with new technologies to improve the carrier's agility and responsiveness, and will also develop its systems, applications and products (SAP) projects. To do this, CMA CGM will use Infosys's Nia artificial intel-

ligence platform and the AssistEdge automation platform.

Infosys president and head of Europe, Rajesh Krishnamurthy, commented: "Simplifying the technology footprint and leveraging next-generation technologies is the need of the hour for the hyper-competitive shipping and logistics industry."

USA | TRAPAC GOES LIVE WITH TIDEWORKS' SPINNAKER AT ITS LA RAIL TERMINAL

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines subsidiary TraPac LLC has successfully gone live with Tideworks Technology's Spinnaker Planning Management solution at its container terminal in the Port of Los Angeles.

Deployed to support its automation of on-dock rail operations, Spinnaker has been integrated with TraPac's existing systems to effectively manage increasing rail volumes and to support automated rail operations for both eastbound and westbound trains at the terminal.

The system enables TraPac to leverage key Spinnaker features, including graphical planning, pre-arrival visibility, rail schedules, drag-and-drop ramp assignment, container and railcar history, track layout, railcar and container queries, graphical cone management and customisable auto-plan rule validations and user access controls.

Todd Tatterson, vice president business development at Tideworks Technology, said: "For [us it] represents a major automation project in the LA/LGB port complex, which is a significant milestone for our company."

Tideworks provided all associated implementation services to ensure that the deployment went smoothly. These included project management, software configuration and installation, integration services, user

training and go-live assistance. The company will also provide ongoing maintenance and

support services, which include 24/7 technical support and regular software upgrades.



The solution will support the automation of on-dock rail.

GERMANY | HAPAG-LLOYD ORDERS 7,700 NEW REEFER CONTAINERS

Hapag-Lloyd has ordered 7,700 refrigerated containers as it looks to build its reefer capacity following its merger with United Arab Shipping Company (UASC). Of the total, 7,000 units will be 40 ft while the remainder will measure 20 ft, with production to begin imminently.

Of the new containers, 1,000 will be equipped with controlled atmosphere (CA) technology, which aims to slow down the ripening process of various types of fruits and vegetables. The result, the German carrier hopes, is that the

fruit can be transported for longer periods of time while maintaining a consistent quality.

For the first time, 1,000 of the new 40 ft containers will be manufactured at a plant in San Antonio, Chile, a region in which they are in high demand. As a result, it will be possible to reduce the requirement to shift empty containers from alternative production sites, which saves both time and money in terms of empty transports, noted a statement from the shipping line.

Anthony J. Firmin, chief operating officer (COO) at Hapag-Lloyd, said: "With these new orders, we are further expanding this position and investing in an efficient and modern fleet as well as in the expansion of our most recent product, ExtraFresh Plus, in order to meet the needs of our customers worldwide."

The carrier's ExtraFresh Plus technology aims to allow extremely sensitive fruits, such as blueberries and lychees, to be transported at the desired quality level and degree of ripeness.